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### **REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this Patent Application, particularly in view of the above Amendment and the following remarks. There is no additional fee for this Amendment because the total number of claims does not exceed twenty and the total number of independent claims does not exceed three.

This Amendment should be entered as it places this Patent Application in condition for allowance.

### **Request for Telephone Interview**

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to contact the undersigned if any additional change is needed for the referenced U.S. Patent Application.

### **Amendments to Claims**

Applicants canceled Claim 11, and amended Claims 16-18 and 22 to depend from allowed Claim 12, instead of canceled Claim 11.

The above Amendment adds no new matter to this Patent Application.

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### **Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102**

Claims 11, 16, 17, and 22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated by Joyce, U.S. Patent 5,435,716, or Joyce, U.S. Patent 6,435,140. Applicants believe this rejection is moot, as Claim 11 has been canceled, and amended Claims 16, 17, and 22 now depend from allowed Claim 12.

### **Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103**

Claims 18-21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Joyce '140 Patent or the Joyce '716 Patent, in view of Brandt et al., U.S. Patent 5,797,358. Applicants believe this rejection is moot, as Claims 18-21 now depend from allowed Claim 12.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 12-15 are allowed. Applicants believe that all claims are now in condition for allowance, as all dependent claims depend from allowed Claim 12.

### **Conclusion**

Applicants believe that the above Amendment and remarks address each and every issue raised by the Examiner and overcome each and every objection and

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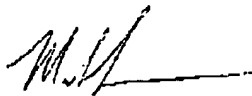
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rejection. However, should the Examiner detect any remaining issue, Applicants kindly request the Examiner to contact the undersigned, preferably by telephone, in an effort to expedite examination of this Patent Application.

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